

corresponding deleted claims of the '401 Application were allowed over the prior art presented in the '401 Application. Aside from the renumbering of claims, the differences between the new claims presented here and the claims deleted from the '401 Application are described in (a) - (c) as follows:

- (a) New Claim 42 is identical to dependent Claim 272 of the '401 Application, except that whereas Claim 272 was a multiply dependent claim, new Claim 42 is not multiply dependent.
- (b) New Claim 43 is an amended version of Claim 271 of the '401 Application, wherein additional limitations have been added thereto. In particular, in new Claim 43, the instances of the card game are now described as being "interactive" between the game playing module, and each of the first and second players. Additionally, Claim 272 of the '401 Application has been incorporated into new Claim 43 as a further limitation.
- (c) New Claim 81 is an amended version of Claim 310 of the '401 Application. The additions to Claim 310 of the '401 Application to yield new Claim 81 are underlined in the following copy of new Claim 81.

81. (New) A method of playing a game on the Internet, comprising:  
first receiving player identification at a game playing Internet accessible node (GPIAN) for first and second players;  
transmitting, via the Internet, from the GPIAN, first information related to communications between: (a) the GPIAN, and (b) a first Internet accessible node from which the first player communicates with the GPIAN;  
wherein said first information is utilized in subsequent Internet communications between the GPIAN and the first Internet accessible node;  
causing said first information to be stored on the first Internet accessible node so that it is available in subsequent different Internet connections by the first player;  
second receiving, via the Internet, at the GPIAN, first responsive information indicative of said first information being present on said first Internet accessible node;  
first playing with the first player a first game, wherein one or more game play representations are transmitted to the first player via the first Internet accessible node;  
second playing with the second player a second game, wherein one or more game play representations are transmitted to the second player and from the GPIAN while the first player is playing the first game;

playing of a third game between said GPIAN and the second player, wherein a third collection of one or more game play representations is transmitted to the second player, and wherein the transmissions of the game play representations for the third collection and the first collection overlap in time;

wherein said step of second receiving at the GPIAN occurs when the first player has reconnected the first Internet accessible node to the Internet after said first information has been stored on the first Internet accessible node and said first Internet accessible node has disconnected from the Internet.

It is believed that the new claims presented here are patentable over all known prior art.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$1,303.00 is enclosed to cover the addition of Claims 20-105. No other fees are believed due with this response. However, in the event additional fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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